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HUDSON, NEW YORK, FROM ABASSADOR; USIA FOR ICS

QUOTE

1. I HOPE YOU CAN ACCEPT INVITATION PARTICIPATE IN MAJOR
ENERGY CONFERENCE AMERICAN EMBASSY ROME ORGANIZING WITH THE
ITALIAN NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY INSTITUTE (INIP) IN PERUGIA
MARCH 7, 8 AND 9. THE AREA OF CONFERENCE EMPHASIS WILL BE
SUCH THAT YOU MOST QUALIFIED TO MAKE THE MAXIMUM AMERICAN
CONTRIBUTION. SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION WILL MAKE LANGUAGE
DIFFERENCES NO PROBLEM.

2. ALTHOUGH PROGRAM WILL OPEN WITH DEFINITION CURRENT AND
FUTURE ENERGY SITUATION INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE SOURCES, THIS
WILL ONLY SET SCENE FOR CONSIDERATION LONG RANGE SOCIAL,
ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF POLICY
DECISIONS WHICH MUST BE MADE NOW OR WITHIN SAY NEXT FIVE
YEARS. TWO FULL DAYS WILL BE DEVOTED TO SUCH PROJECTIONS TO
YEAR 2000 (A GENERATION AWAY) AND TO CONSIDERATION OF NATURE
OF COMPROMISES, NEW STANDARDS AND GOALS PERHAPS NECESSARY TO
ACHIEVEMENT OF RESULTS ACCEPTABLE TO QUALITY OF LIFE.

3. PARTICIPANTS WILL COMPRISE ABOUT 80 INFLUENTIAL ITALIANS
CAPABLE OF INFLUENCING POLICY DECISIONS RELATING TO THE ENERGY
QUESTION, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ITALIAN MINISTRIES
OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, BUDGET, ECONOMIC PLANNING, TREASURY,
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LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE, AS WELL AS SELECTED ECONOMISTS, TOP
MANAGEMENT OF QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE INDUSTRIES

AFFECTED BY THE ENERGY SHORTAGE.

4. BELIEVE YOU WILL FIND BOTH SUBJECT MATTER AND AUDIENCE
STIMULATING AND HAVE NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER THAT WE SHALL GAIN
CONSIDERABLY IF YOU FIND YOU CAN ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE AND
ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS. QUITE CLEARLY WE SHALL NEED
STRONG AMERICAN AND ITALIAN REPRESENTATION AMONG CONFERENCE
SPEAKERS TO EXAMINE ADEQUATELY DANGERS OF SIMPLISTIC SHORT
TERM APPROACHES AFFECTING FUTURE.

5. IF YOU CAN ACCEPT I SHALL ASK INIP TO GET IN TOUCH WITH
YOU AT ONCE ABOUT CONFERENCE PROGRAM DETAILS AND ARRANGEMENTS.
TRANSPORTATION AND EXPENSES, NATURALLY, WILL BE COVERED BY
CONFERENCE. SIGNED AMBASSADOR JOHN A. VOLPE.UNQUOTE.VOLPE

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